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SUMMARY: TURKISH FORMINISTRY HAS DECIDED UPON A
DIRECT CHALLENGE TO GREEK POSITION ON AEGEAN OIL LEASES, AND
WILL TAKE A NEGATIVE POSITION TOWARDS OIL COMPANIES
OPERATING UNDER GREEK LICENSES IN DISPUTED AREAS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY OFFICER LAST WEEK HAD LONG DISCUSSION ON LAW OF
SEA MATTERS WITH GUNALTAY SIBAY, OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND PRINCIPAL
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OPERATING OFFICER FOR LAW OF SEA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SIBAY

SAID COMPANIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN FIRMS, WHICH WERE
EXPLORING FOR PETROLEUM IN THE AEGEAN NEAR LIMNOS ISLAND
UNDER GREEK LICENSES WOULD BE REGARDED WITH "SOME
DISPLEASURE" BY THE TURKS. FURTHERMORE, DESPITE REPORTS
THE NEW TURKISH GOVT WOULD BE "NATIONALISTIC" IN ECONOMIC
MATTERS, HE SAID THE TURK PETROLEUM CORP (TPAO), WHICH HOLDS
LEASES IN THE AEGEAN FROM THE TURKISH GOVT, WOULD WELCOME THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SUB-LICENSES FOR EXPLORATION TO AMERICAN
OR OTHERFOREIGN FIRMS.

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